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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A coupling comprising:

a. first and second hub assemblies, each comprising:

i. means for receiving a shaft;

ii. a plurality of pins, each pin having a tapered free end a length sufficient to be received substantially completely by a means for receiving the pins; and

iii. the means for receiving the pins, comprising a plurality of openings for receiving the pins of the other hub assembly while providing clearance therefor, thereby permitting movement of the pins within the openings to accommodate angular misalignment, parallel misalignment, and axial misalignment of the received shafts; and

b. a center member positioned between the first and second hub assemblies and comprising a plurality of openings for receiving the pins.

2. (Original) A coupling according to claim 1 in which the plurality of openings in the center member are at least as great in number as the total number of pins comprising the first and second hub assemblies.

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3. (Original) A coupling according to claim 2 in which the center member is shaped as a circular disc and the plurality of openings therein are spaced radially in the disc.

4. (Original) A coupling according to claim 3 in which at least some of the plurality of openings in the center disc are sized smaller than the pin-receiving opening comprising each of the first and second hub assemblies.

5. Cancelled

6. Cancelled

7. (Original) A coupling according to claim 1 in which each pin is generally cylindrically shaped and is tapered at an end remote from the hub assembly which it comprises.

8. (Original) A coupling according to claim 1 in which each pin defines an axis and in which the axis of the pin of the first hub assembly is parallel to but not coincident with the axis of the pin of the second hub assembly.

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9. (Original) A coupling according to claim 8 in which the axis of the pin of the first hub assembly is offset radially approximately sixty degrees from the axis of the pin of the second hub assembly.

10. (Original) A coupling according to claim 9 in which the center member is made of elastomeric material.

11. (Original) An aircraft seat comprising the coupling of claim 1.

12. Cancelled